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Letter

Dr. Ms. McCarthy, The proposed cleanup of the Portland Harbor is a big win for industry and a bad deal for the public. EPA's cleanup proposal tackles just 8% of a site area that is 100% toxic. A more aggressive plan is needed to prevent even more harm to human health and the environment. On behalf of all people who rely on the river for food, recreation, employment and culture, I urge the EPA to implement a plan that: Moves quickly and sustainably reduces contaminants causing harm to Willamette and Columbia River resources. Includes ongoing monitoring and cleanup upriver and downriver from the site. Contributes to healthy fish that are safe to eat for all people. Holds polluters accountable for creating a safer Portland Harbor. These elements get us closer to the plan our communities deserve. And I deserve a clean, safe Portland Harbor. *Submitted during the comment period between June 9, 2016 to August 8, 2016 regarding the EPA's Portland Harbor Feasibility Study and Proposed Plan.

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Message (500 Character Limit) I have been waiting many years for the cleanup of Portland Harbor Superfund sites. The proposed plan will not be adequate to restore

health to the Willamette River and should be rejected in favor of a much more effective and aggressive plan. All of the Superfund areas containing toxic contamination must be cleaned up, not just 8 percent! The Willamette is part of the river system and effects the Columbia. All of those living in the affected Willamette watershed have been impacted by these contaminants. I frequently walked the west Willamette riverside between the Broadway and Fremont bridges. The soil on the river bank is dead and bleak-looking; carp swim nearby. This river, if properly cleaned up, could again host a web of life including a healthy population of river otters, Green and great blue herons, osprey, salmon, sturgeon, lamprey, aquatic life such as caddis and stoneflies, fishers, beaver, smelt and so many other species. Just because osprey, cormorants, geese and the occasional salmon are seen on and in the river, please know that their existence is marginal and they are struggling. I strongly urge you to choose and implement a cleanup plan that really does clean up the river - all of the superfund site, not just a piece. This is the only way to protect our children and subsequent generations of the web of life. Please remember that river contamination has prevented people being able to nourish themselves with uncontaminated fish and traditional tribal foods. The river belongs to all of us. Too many years have gone by while those responsible for their part have fought over perceived liabilities. It is time to act with strength to ensure a clean, healthy and biodiverse Willamette River. The sovereign nations and tribal peoples of the northwest deserve to have the river returned to a healthful condition. Lamprey spawn in the tributaries - I saw that myself this year. We and our children and all the generations to come need to survive and be able to look back at your decision and say "because Gina McCarthy refused to buckle under to short term greed, we now have smelt runs and a thriving river." I want to fish and swim in the river, too. More than that, the river belongs to all of us, if we pledge to honor this

living legacy properly. We did not make the river, but the river supports us. I choose sanity. Clean it up, not cover it up. Thank you, Administrator McCarthy for reading my comments. I assure you they are heartfelt.

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